Netters Win First Home 9-0

By Steve Barry

The Tech Tennis Team started out the season with a disappointing road trip, dropping matches to High Point 6-3, Appalachian State 5-4, and Davidson 7-2, but returned home strong as they demolished Rochester 9-0 last Wednesday at the Rector Pavilion.

Number 2 Vince Thomas won easily over Dave Jordan 6-2, 6-4, and Bill Webb handled Tom Lindh a loss at 6-1, 6-4. Tom Hood defeated Mitch Utell 6-2, 6-4, while Peter Sutcliffe easily stifled Mike Mahony 6-3, 6-0. Rounding out the single victories for the Hokies was Mitch Toomey’s win over Rob Harris 6-1, 6-2.

The most challenging match was at the No. 1 position as Jim Milley defeated Bill Weiss in a good 3-setter 7-6, 2-6, 6-4. Weiss, the ECAC division II champion last fall had Milley down 4-3 in the third set. Jim broke Weiss’s serve and held his own to go ahead 5-4. Weiss double-faulted twice and Milley again broke serve for the set and match.

The doubles were captured as easily as the singles. Milley and Thomas defeated Weiss and Jordan 6-2, 6-4. Hood and Webb had the toughest match but wore down their opponents Lindh and Utell for 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 win. Sutcliffe teamed up with Tom Vaughan to handily defeat John Conlin and Mahoney 6-1, 6-1.

Tech faces three of its toughest opponents in the next two weeks as they go up against Maryland on the 17th, Notre Dame the 18th. Maryland’s match will be held outdoors, all others being at the Rector Pavilion.